



A Day in the Navy Reserve December 7, 2012

Today, there are **64,171** Full Time Support and Selected Reserve Sailors in the Navy and **3,800** Reserve Sailors are mobilized providing overseas contingency operation support.

U.S. Fleet Forces Command

1. Reservists attached to Joint Task Force - National Capital Region for the 57th Presidential Inauguration present a wreath while dressed in period uniforms during a ceremony at the Navy Memorial commemorating the 71st anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. 30 Members of the Navy Reserve are supporting the 57th Inauguration of the President of the United States by serving with the Navy Ceremonial Guard, JTF-NCR and Naval District Washington. [Photo](#).

Commander, Pacific Fleet/U.S. 7th Fleet/U.S. 3rd Fleet

1. Nine Reserve sailors attached to Undersea Rescue Command (URC) in San Diego participate in submarine rescue training operations underway off the coast of Catalina Island. URC is training with the Submarine Rescue Chamber Flyaway System, an emergency rescue system which can transfer sailors off of a disabled submarine on the sea floor. Reserve sailors who are divers and submariners provided 50% of the manning for the U.S. Navy's submarine rescue capability and support rescue readiness worldwide.

2. One Reserve Officer from Reserve Unit COMEXSTRKGRU 7, while attached to COMSEVENTHFLT, participates in exercise Keen Sword from Naval Base Okinawa, Japan. Keen Sword is a bilateral exercise between the U.S. and Japan designed to practice and evaluate the coordination procedures and interoperability requirements to enhance our ability to work together and respond to various crises situations.

3. Maritime Air Operations (MAO) Detachment Tucson Reserve Officers, CDR Douglas Rhodes and LCDR Mike Matagrano, provide support to Commander Third Fleet during preparations in support of Joint Exercise Blue Flag planning conference. Blue Flag exercises are run by the 505th Combat Training Squadron, located at Hurlburt Field, Florida. The goal of the program is to train combat leaders and supporting battle staff personnel in command, control and intelligence procedures for specific theaters of operation. Blue Flag exercises provide a building block approach to prepare Joint and Combined Air Component Commanders and personnel to support contingency operations worldwide. The goal is to train commanders and staff officers so that, in a war emergency, they can immediately participate in directing an air war and make smart decisions during the critical first days of an engagement. Training during the exercises is in five primary areas: command, control, communications, intelligence, and the relationship of these elements.

4. MAO Detachment Honolulu Reserve member, CDR Jeff Van Siclen, and Expeditionary Strike Group THREE Reserve member, CDR Thomas Trimble, provide support to Commander Third Fleet during preparations in support of the upcoming Navy and Marine Corps led amphibious exercise Dawn Blitz in 2013. Dawn Blitz will provide a unique opportunity for Reserve and active-duty Marines to seamlessly integrate in a series of scenario-driven combined arms and live-fire exercises into an actual amphibious large-scale exercise that's going to



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exercise the MEB and the command element's complexity with an emphasis on the necessity to conduct expeditionary and amphibious operations.

5. MAO Reserve member, CDR Michael Fetsko from Navy Operational Support Command North Island, provides support to Commander Third Fleet assigned as Fleet Watch Officer (FWO) duties. The Third Fleet Watch Officer is directly responsible as one of six numbered fleets in the United States Navy. Third Fleet's area of responsibility includes approximately 50 million square miles of the eastern and northern Pacific Ocean areas including the Bering Sea, Alaska, the Aleutian Islands and a sector of the Arctic. Major oil and trade sea lines of communication within this area are critically important to the economic health of the United States and friendly nations throughout the Pacific Rim region.

6. MAO Reserve member, CAPT David Englehart, provides support to Commander Third Fleet during preparations in support of USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) composite training unit exercise (C2X) and joint task force exercise (JTFEX) in Southern California (SOCAL). The types of training conducted during C2X/JTFEX involves the use of ships, submarines, aircraft, non-explosive exercise weapons, and other training related devices to included ASW events which occur within portions of the Southern California Offshore Range (SCORE) and the Southern California Offshore ASW Range west of San Clemente Island.

7. MAO Detachment Honolulu Reserve member, CDR Jeff Van Siclen, provides support to Commander Third Fleet and Commander Expeditionary Strike Group Three during preparations in support of the upcoming Navy and Marine Corps led amphibious exercise Dawn Blitz in 2013.

Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command

1. In preparation for, and in the competitive spirit of the Dec. 8, 2012 Army-Navy football game, NOSC Columbia, S.C. Sailors placed a U.S. Navy target balloon reading "Go Navy, beat Army" in Semme's Lake on Army Base Fort Jackson in front of base Commanding General, Gen. Brian Roberts' home Dec. 7, 2012.

2. Two Sel/Res and one FTS Navy Wounded Warrior Anchor Program mentors from NOSC Fort Carson CO, NOSC Eleanor WV, and NOSC Houston TX are participating in a DOD-sponsored Returning Warrior Task Force focus group. The Task Force is visiting Navy Wounded Warrior headquarters to determine how to enhance the care provided recovering warriors and their families.

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/ U.S. 4th Fleet

1. Three Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Twenty-Seven (NMCB 27) Detachment Peru install carpet inside and finish up some outside painting, as the final touches are put on a school auditorium project in Huaytara, Peru. The Seabees are participating in a Subject Matter Expert Exchange with Peruvian Engineers on this project, building on previous exchanges. The ribbon-cutting for this school auditorium is scheduled for December 12th.



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2. 14 Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Twenty-Seven (NMCB 27) Detachment Guatemala complete steel framing and roofing at Barracks 2, and continue parging masonry walls at a laundry facility at a Guatemalan peacekeeping base in Coban, Guatemala. The 14 Seabees are refurbishing kitchen and dining facilities, improving a laundry facility, and renovating two barracks facilities on the base in Coban.

NOTE – According to www.dictionary.com – “Parging – A thin coat of plaster or mortar for giving a relatively smooth surface to rough masonry or for sealing it against moisture.”

3. 51 Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Twenty-Seven (NMCB 27) Detachment Guantanamo Bay continue plumbing fixture and electrical install, and glazing at Cooper’s Field Head and place lower staircase forms at the Cuban Club Stage Reconstruction Project. All projects are ongoing in support of U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay construction projects.

4. 12 Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Twenty-Seven (NMCB 27) Detachment Guantanamo Bay continue work on the Windmill Beach Sand Project for Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay (JTF GTMO), located at the U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay.

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